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LAUNCHINGS AGGREGATE 348,564 DEADWEIGHT TONS

**Fourteen Ships at Portland,
Ore., Held Up Owing to
Freshet in Columbia.**

(Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, July 5.—Reports received by the emergency fleet corporation up to early today of the Fourth of July launching of American ships showed that sixty-four vessels, aggregating 348,564 dead weight tons had taken their initial plunge at shipyards throughout the country. Thirty-nine of these ships were of steel and twenty-five wood.

Owing to the holiday wire communication was greatly curtailed and reports were delayed. Although the offices of the fleet corporation re-

mained open nearly all night, several yards where launchings were to have taken place, were not heard from. Most of these were on the Pacific coast. A telegram was received at the fleet corporation headquarters just before the offices closed for the night from the district supervisor of the Eleventh district at Portland, Ore., stating that fourteen additional ships were ready for launching there on Independence day but an unexpected freshet in the Columbia river had prevented the shipbuilders from sending them overboard. These vessels, the telegram added, represent an aggregate tonnage of 50,000.

All Wish to Wed Soldier.

(International News Service.)
Pine Bluff, Ark.—A soldier at Camp Beauregard wrote the editor of a local paper saying he would like to correspond with a Pine Bluff girl with a view to matrimony. The editor published the letter. The following day the soldier received ten proposals from as many girls. Proposals are still pouring in.

HUNS STARVING? CAMOUFLAGE! FORCED LOANS PREVENT REVOLT

(By Milton Bronner.)
Washington.—"The American people should get themselves set for a war in which they will beat the central empires by forces of arms. They should stop giving themselves a false optimism by believing all they hear of the possibility of revolts in Germany and the starving condition of the Huns. The chances are they won't starve, and they won't revolt."

This is the solemn warning a government official asked me to convey to American readers today. He touched only briefly on the question of revolt. He understands subscription to various German government war loans is no longer voluntary, as in our country, Britain and France. Instead men and women, working for wages or salary, receive only the amount the bureaucracy thinks necessary for their daily subsistence. The balance is automatically turned over to the government, which gives the workers government paper in return. By this method every man or woman in Germany who works is a holder of government paper and knows it is not worth the sheets it is printed on if the monarchy is overturned or if victory

does not come. The nation's war financing has been used to bind the people to the Kaiser's chariot wheels. As to the food situation my informant stated his very earnest belief that many of the stories of bread riots and strikes in Germany and Austria were pure camouflage.

With the exception of fats, the central empires are better off this year than last. Hungary has had grain. Certain amounts were obtained from the Ukraine. The April treaty with this Russian territory provided for the delivery at once of food cereals. In addition, a secret agreement was made whereby Ukraine was to deliver 1,000,000 tons of cereals by July 1. If this were wheat, it would mean 33,000,000 bushels.

When there is all this talk about starvation in Austria, it should be remembered they begin to harvest grain in Austria and Hungary June 15, and flour from this will be available July 15. Also summer vegetables and fruits are coming in. The Huns have 2,300,000 acres of Rumanian land under cultivation in wheat and rye, and large areas in Serbia and Poland.

ARMENIAN FORCES HOLD FIRM IN TRANS-CAUCASIA

(Associated Press.)
Amsterdam, July 5.—Armenian forces on the aggressive in Trans-Caucasia have established themselves well within this former Russian territory, according to reports from Kiev. The latest advices from this source, quoted by Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, state that an Armenian force, 25,000 strong, has occupied the city of Erivan, 115 miles south of Tiflis, and nearly fifty miles inside the Trans-Caucasian border.

NORWEGIAN SHIP LOSSES DUE TO INCREASE U-BOATS

(Associated Press.)
Washington, July 5.—Increase in the monthly losses of Norwegian shipping due to German submarine activities during June was reported by cable to the Norwegian legation

here today from the Christiania foreign office. Twenty Norwegian vessels of various types, including steamships, totaling 26,833 tons, were sunk during the month and thirty-one men were lost. Four men, who were reported missing during May, were given up as lost also. June sinkings bring Norway's total losses to 842 vessels, including fifty-three, which have never been traced. Lives of 1,747 men were lost in the sinking of the vessels. The total tonnage of the lost Norwegian shipping now amount to 1,154,143.

JUNIOR SLEUTHS TO RUN DOWN ALL PRO-GERMANS

Berkeley, Cal.—A Junior Secret Service club, made up of patriotic boys, has been formed here to help run down pro-Germans. The motto of the club is: "If you can't explain your charges against the government or its officials you are a bad citizen." Members pledge themselves to report any persons they hear making seditious or ill-adviced statements about the war.

118 STEEL SHIPS IN FIVE MONTHS

**United States to Launch Three
Million Tons This
Year.**

Washington, July 5.—The giant task of building a bridge of ships across the Atlantic for Pershing is coming along better than even the most optimistic had figured possible.

The totals for the month of June are not yet available, but for the first five months of the present year 118 steel ships, aggregating 805,000 deadweight tons, were put into the water complete. And of these 263,000 tons were completed in May alone.

According to Charles Schwab, director-general of shipbuilding, the country is just beginning to get into its real stride.

The biggest hopes are pinned to Hog Island and other fabricating yards. In these three it is hoped to turn out in a single year more than the great shipping nation of England has ever turned out in a similar period.

When Hog Island is completed there will be a launching every other day.

To give an indication of the steady progress this nation has made in shipbuilding, consider these figures:

In 1915 we produced 215,402 deadweight tons.

In 1916 we produced 520,857 deadweight tons.

In 1917 we produced 901,223 deadweight tons of ships.

In 1918 the shipping board expects to produce about 3,000,000 deadweight tons.

And in 1919 ships will tumble into the water so fast they will make the Kaiser's head swim.

There are now 119 ship ways in the United States. Whereas one year ago not quite 45,000 men were engaged in building ships, today there are over 300,000.

A tremendous number of launchings on July Fourth was very impressive, but prior to that 181 steel requisitioned vessels with a total deadweight tonnage of 1,185,847 were launched.

JULY 4 CELEBRATED THROUGH SOUTH AMERICA

Brilliant Features Arranged in
Special Recognition of U. S.
Independence Day.

(Associated Press.)
Santiago, Chile, Thursday, July 4.—On the occasion of the American Independence day, Chilean newspapers, without exception, had with great cordiality the position taken by the United States. Editorials that appeared today applauded the words of President Wilson in expressing the vows of his nation to continue the war until victory is achieved.

Whole City Decorated.

Buenos Aires, Thursday, July 4.—The Fourth of July was celebrated throughout South America today in an unprecedented manner. The day had been declared a national holiday in Peru, Brazil and Uruguay, in all of which it was celebrated like their own independence days. Other countries report unusual celebrations of the anniversary of America's Declaration of Independence and the war spirit is enlivened by newspapers throughout the continent.

The Argentine government gave special permission for the display of the American flag and Buenos Aires was literally covered with American and Argentine banners.

Private Leaves Ranks.

Paris, Thursday, July 4.—A feature of the ceremony at the Strasbourg statue today in honor of Alsace-Lorraine was the action of an American private soldier, who suddenly left the ranks as he walked toward the statue and shouted in a ringing voice:

"We will fight until right has been restored. Alsace-Lorraine, according to its desire, will become French again."

A wreath of roses was placed upon the tomb of LaFayette in the Pichu cemetery by H. Cleveland Cox, a delegate of the Sons of the American Revolution, Empire State society.

Torchlight Procession.

Algiers, Thursday, July 4.—The national holiday of the United States was celebrated throughout Algeria with unusual brilliancy. A torchlight procession of all the troops in the garrison, with regimental bands, was held last night. The feature of the decorations of the city was a reproduction of Bartholdi's statue of liberty enlightening the world, which was set up in one of the largest squares. The governor-general reviewed the troops, today, and, with all the other notables in the city, paid a formal visit to the American consul-general.

Berlin Reports French
MADE VIOLENT ATTACKS

Berlin, via London, Thursday, July 4.—The official communication from general headquarters today says: "Fighting activities revived in the evening on isolated sectors. Since early morning on both sides of the Somme the enemy's artillery fire has been heavy. Infantry engagements developed in this region."

"Violent attacks were launched by the French north of the Aisne. East of Moulin-Sous-Touvent the enemy was repulsed in a counter-attack on our front lines, for the rest his attack broke down in front of our entanglements."

"Fresh enemy attacks west of Chateau-Thierry broke down. A strong enemy attack on the east bank of the Meuse was repulsed. In the Sundgau we captured prisoners in successful raids."

WANTS LOT IN CEMETERY
AS WELL AS A DIVORCE

(International News Service.)
St. Louis, Mo.—In a petition for divorce filed in circuit court here by Mrs. Jennie Ziegler, she alleges that on Jan. 31, 1911, she purchased a lot in a cemetery for \$55 and up to the present time she has buried three relatives. Owing to a mistake in the execution of the deed her husband was named the grantee and has refused to allow her on its premises, she alleges. She asks the court to restore her rights to the lot and her maiden name, Jennie Ogyle.

FIGHTING PARSONS
JOIN BRITISH ARMY

(Newspaper Enterprise Association.)
London.—More than sixty fighting clergymen in the London diocese have joined the army.

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